

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on April 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 572, 4/3/2017
HB 637, 4/3/2017

Executive Action: HB 649 - TABLED
HB 572 - BE CONCURRED IN
HB 387 - BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 572

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:46 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 572, Establish licensure of eating disorder centers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:08 Laurie Thatcher, mental health professional, representing herself

00:02:52 Sen. Caferro entered the hearing.

00:05:29 Jeni Gochin, director, Eating Disorder Center of Montana (EDCM); licensed marriage and family therapist; licensed clinical professional counselor, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(phs75a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs75a02\)](#)

00:09:11 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians and Montana Association for Marriage and Family Therapists

00:10:37 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:08 Sen. C. Smith

00:12:01 Rep. Redfield

00:12:12 Jeni Gochin

00:12:20 Sen. C. Smith

00:15:34 Ms. Gochin, EDCM

00:16:52 Sen. Caferro

00:19:37 Ms. Gochin

00:21:06 Sen. Sands

00:22:43 Rep. Redfield

00:22:49 Sen. Sands

00:24:32 Ms. Gochin

00:25:30 Sen. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:42 Rep. Redfield

HEARING ON HB 637

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:24 Rep. Jon Knokey (R), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 637, Require Medicaid coverage of marriage and family therapist services.

[EXHIBIT\(phs75a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:56 Cyndi McNeil, licensed marriage and family therapist; board member, Montana Association for Marriage and Family Therapists, Hamilton

[EXHIBIT\(phs75a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs75a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs75a06\)](#)

00:36:03 Pam Bing Perry, representing herself, Doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy, licensed marriage and family therapist

[EXHIBIT\(phs75a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs75a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:35 Mary Dalton, Medicaid and Health Services branch manager, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS); State Medicaid director

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:34 Sen. Sands
00:41:45 Rep. Knokey
00:42:05 Sen. Sands
00:42:15 Sen. C. Smith
00:42:36 Sen. Sands
00:42:54 Rep. Knokey
00:43:57 Sen. Sands
00:44:24 Ms. Dalton, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:56 Rep. Knokey

Committee Business:

00:48:05 Chair Howard
00:48:21 Sen. Sands
00:48:26 Sen. Gross
00:48:35 Chair Howard
00:48:50 Sen. Gross

00:49:02 Sen. C. Smith
 00:49:24 Chair Howard
 00:49:33 Sen. Gross
 00:49:43 Sen. C. Smith
 00:50:16 Chair Howard
 00:50:25 Sen. Sands
 00:50:54 Chair Howard
 00:51:05 Sen. C. Smith
 00:51:26 Sen. Sands
 00:51:30 Chair Howard
 00:51:53 Alexis Sandru, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 00:52:02 Chair Howard
 00:52:06 Sen. Sands
 00:52:13 Chair Howard

 00:52:21 Recess
 01:10:00 Reconvene

Sen. Olszewski did not return to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 649

01:10:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 649 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 572

01:11:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 572 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 387

01:12:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 387 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**. Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski were excused.

01:13:53 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 387 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:14:22 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 387 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(phs75a09\)](#)

Discussion:

01:14:42 Ms. Sandru, LSD

01:16:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy.

01:17:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 387 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:21 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs75aad.pdf](#))